

From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 12:21:52 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area -- address below
Attachments: New York BG 0042002 map.pdf New York BG 0042002_112 E 11th St.pdf

For a TEA letter please.

Thanks,

K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area -- address below

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:24 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area -- address below

From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area

Kay
TEA request : 112 E 11th St, New York, NY 10003.

Mailing address listed below.

Ed K

From: Anh Le [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area

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Thank you so much for your response! My mailing address is:

Anh Le
[REDACTED]

Thank you and have a great day!

AL

On Wed, Apr 18, 2018, 09:53 Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

| I have entered your TEA request into our system for processing. I need to send a formal response. Could you also provide me

your full mailing address so that we can compose a written response.

Regards

Ed Kowalewski

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From: Anh Le [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:51 AM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Regarding Immigration Act of 1990/EB-5 Visa Program/Targeted Employment Area

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Dear Mr. Kowalewski,

I have a question regarding the Targeted Employment Area as I was reading this:

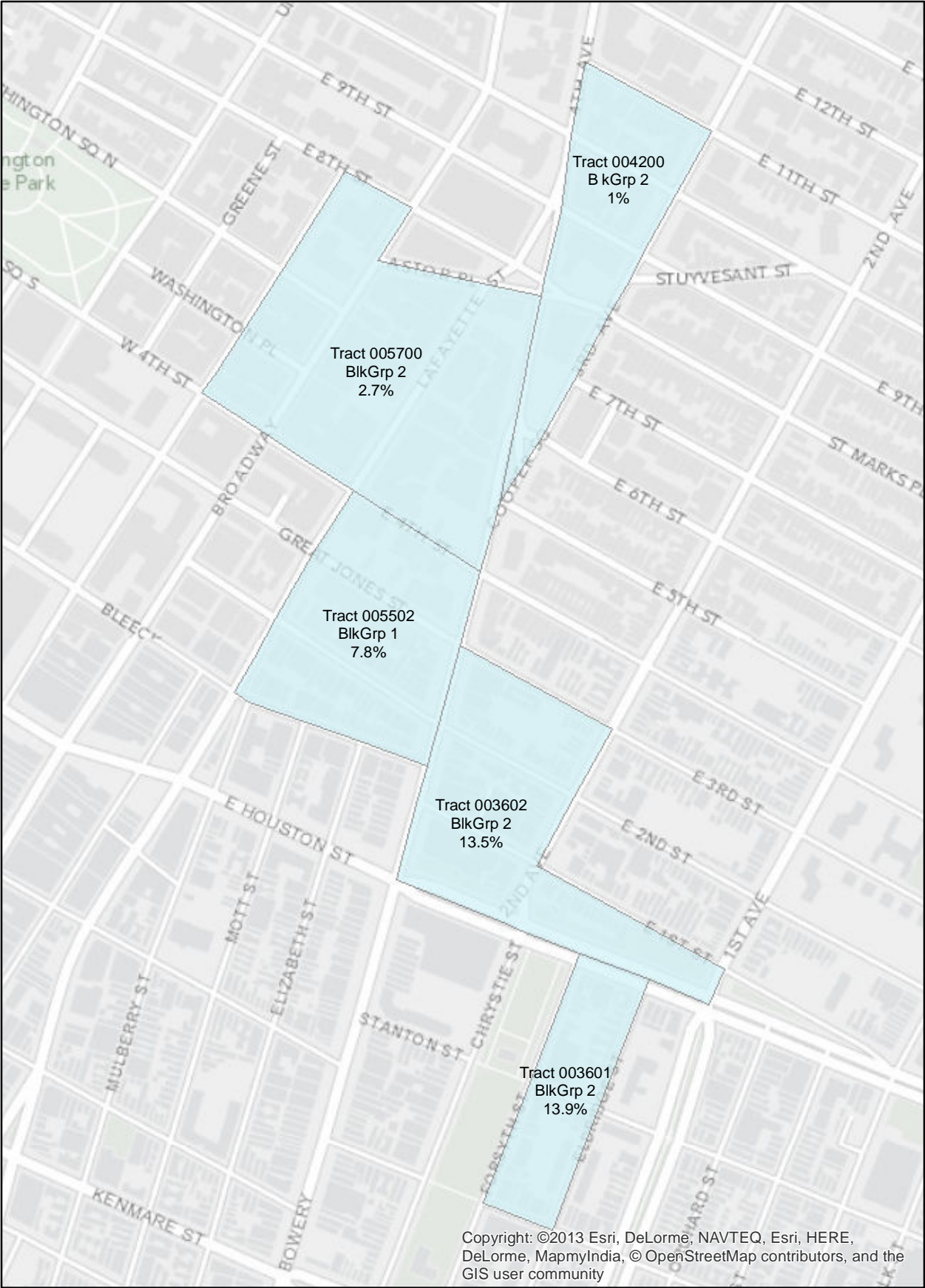
https://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/immigration_act.shtm. May I ask if the area in Zip code 10003 qualifies as TEA? The specific address is: 112 E 11th St, New York, NY 10003.

Thank you very much for your time!

Anh Le

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie

Economic Development Program Administrator

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625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for block group 2 in census tract 42 in New York County that contains the address, 112 E 11th St, New York, NY 10003, as you requested is 1.0 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of block group 2 in census tract 36.01, block group 2 in census tract 36.02, block group 2 in census tract 42, block group 1 in census tract 55.02, and block group 2 in census tract 57 in New York County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.6 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 04:25:35 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Letter - address in email below
Attachments: Kings Tract 824 map.pdf Kings Tract 824_1580 Nostrand Ave.pdf

For a TEA letter please.

Thanks,

K

——Original Message——

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for TEA Letter - address in email below

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——Original Message——

From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:41 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Letter - address in email below

——Original Message——

From: info@nyeb5.com [mailto:info@nyeb5.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 12:08 AM

To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>

Cc: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>; Nyeb5eb5 <nyeb5eb5@gmail.com>

Subject: Request for TEA Letter

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Dear Brittany and Kay,

I'm writing to request for a new TEA letter for Census Tract 824 - Kings County, NY. The address is 1580 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226.

Please find a TEA letter issued by your office in 2017 for your reference.

Please let me know what else documents or information you still need to process the request before issuing a new TEA letter.

Joe from our office left a few messages to you and hope you can get back to us.

Thanks a lot. Have a nice day.

Ms. Cissy Li, Project Coordinator

New York EB-5 Luxury Highrise Project

NYC Metro Regional Center, LLC

Queens Crossing Business Center

136-20 38th Avenue, Suite 10H, Flushing, NY 11354

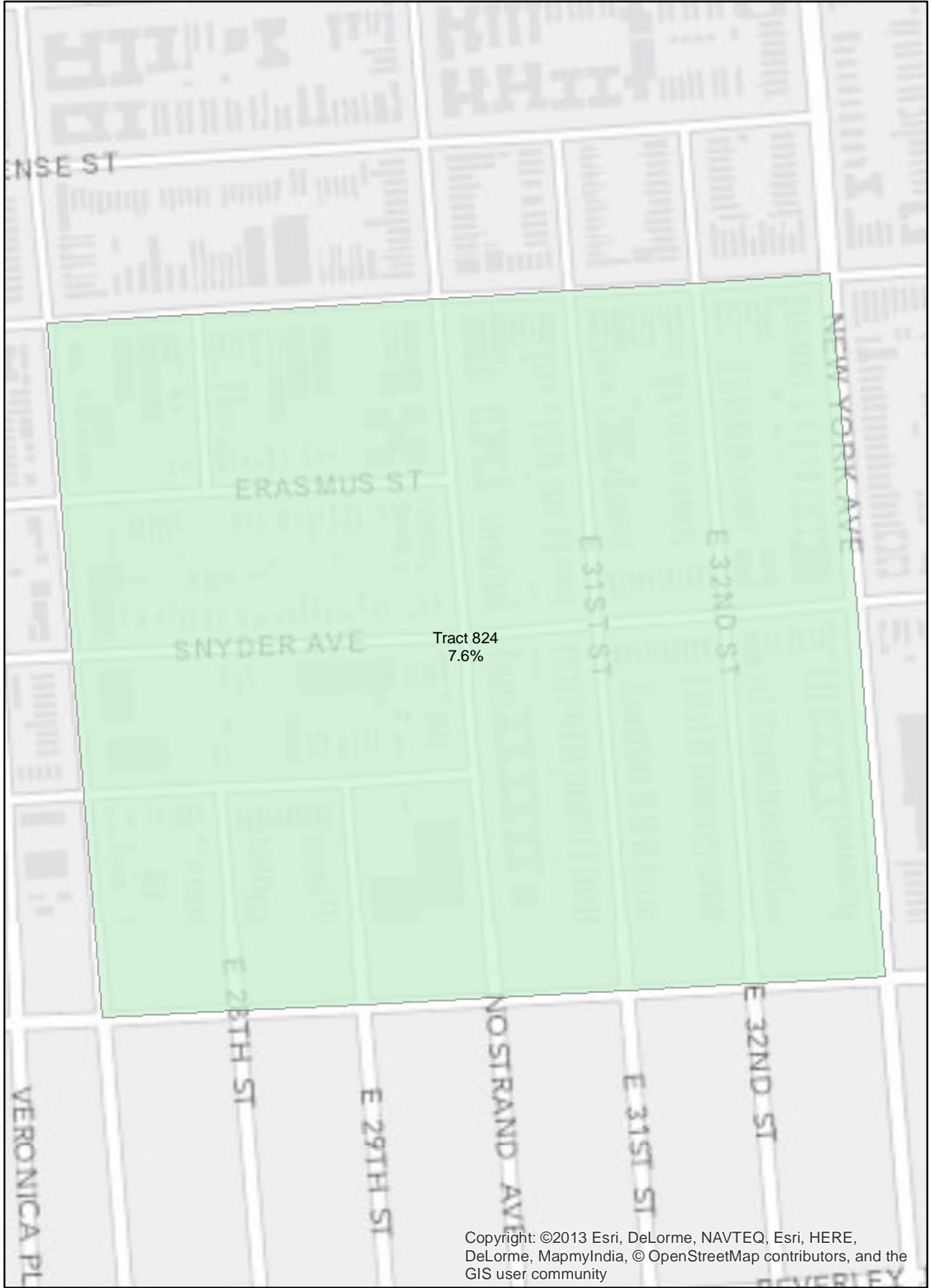
Tel: (718) 888-9668

Fax: (718) 888-9018

Email: Info@nyeb5.com

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
Empire State Development | NYS Department of Economic Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 824 in Kings County that contains the address, 1580 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11226, as you requested is 7.6 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

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Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 05:04:04 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Designation for Census Tract 3 - Richmond County (55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301)
Attachments: Richmond Tract 3 map.pdf Richmond Tract 3_55 Richmond Ter.pdf

For a TEA letter please and thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: TEA Designation for Census Tract 3 - Richmond County (55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301)

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:46 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: TEA Designation for Census Tract 3 - Richmond County (55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301)

From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 8:26 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: TEA Designation for Census Tract 3 - Richmond County (55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301)

Address: 55 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10301

Addressee: Bill Gresser

From: Bill Gresser [<mailto:bgresser@eb5nys.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Smith, Wendy (ESD) <Wendy.Smith@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: TEA Designation for Census Tract 3 - Richmond County (55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301)

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Kay -

I hope you are doing well.

This e-mail is a request that ESD issue a new letter designating this location as within a Targeted Employment Area under the EB-5 program.

Attached is the last letter issued by ESD in July, 2017. We are requesting this a new TEA designation letter because we are still raising EB-5 capital for the project and believe we will be through the end of this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your assistance.

Best -

Bill

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Smith, Wendy (ESD)** <Wendy.Smith@esd.ny.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 3:20 PM

Subject: Census Tract 3 - Richmond County

To: "bgresser@eb5nys.com" <bgresser@eb5nys.com>

Cc: "Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)" <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>, "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>, "Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)" <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>

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Bill Gresser

President

EB-5 New York State, LLC

480-206-5723 (cell)

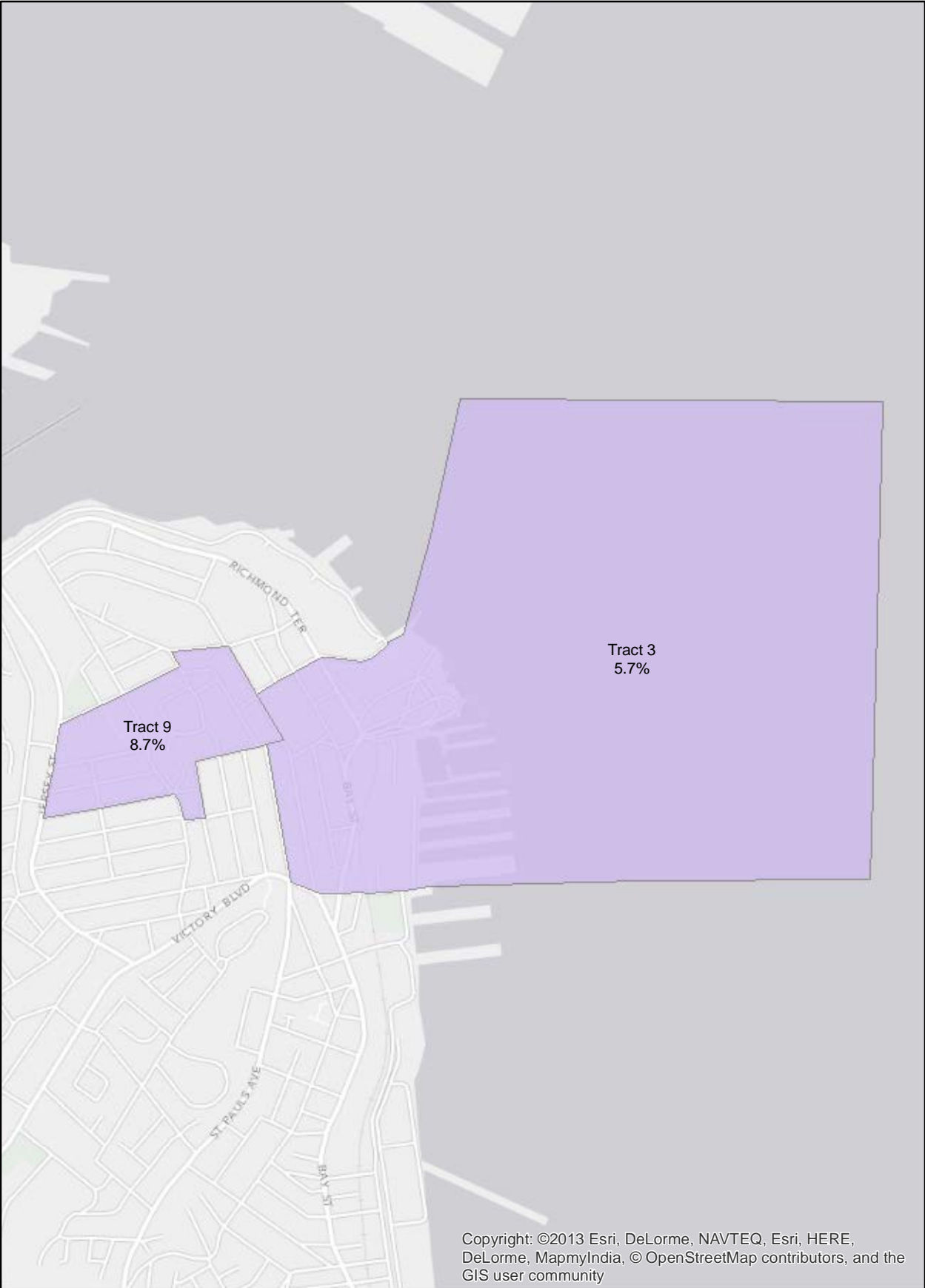
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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
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625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 3 in Richmond County that contains the address, 55 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301, as you requested is 5.7 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 3 and 9 in Richmond County with an annual average unemployment rate of 7.0 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

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Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 02:50:24 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Letter Request - address in email below
Attachments: New York Tract 76 map.pdf New York Tract 76_1185 Broadway.pdf

For a TEA letter please.

Thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: TEA Letter Request - address in email below

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: TEA Letter Request - address in email below

From: Molly FitzGerald [<mailto:mfitzgerald@eb5capital.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Cc: Mariana Gomez <mgomez@eb5capital.com>
Subject: Re: TEA Letter Request

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Hi Kay and Joseph,

I hope you are well. Last year you put together a TEA letter (see attached) for 1185 Broadway, New York, New York 10001. I need an updated letter with the new TEA data and the letter to be addressed to Brian Ostar, Director, Global Operations. Please let me know if there are any issues or if I should reach out to someone else.

Best,

Molly FitzGerald
EB5 Capital
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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 3:56 PM, Molly Fitzgerald <mfitzgerald@eb5capital.com> wrote:

Hi Kay and Joseph,

I hope you are well. Last year you put together a TEA letter (see attached) for 1185 Broadway, New York, New York 10001. I need an updated letter with the new TEA data and the letter to be addressed to Brian Ostar, Director, Global Operations. Please let me know if there are any issues or if I should reach out to someone else.

Best,

Molly FitzGerald

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie

Economic Development Program Administrator

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Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 76 in New York County that contains the address, 1185 Broadway, New York, NY 10001, as you requested is 1.9 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 76, 84, 94, 102, 112.02, 143, 174.01, and 189 in New York County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.9 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 03:11:43 PM
To: Held, Jim (ESD)
Cc: Miller, Brittany (ESD); Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Subject: FW: Tea Letter

From: Nimrod Ginsburg [mailto:nginsburg@nyeb5fund.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: Tea Letter

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Thank you Brittany!

I reviewed the PDF, and parts of the second page of the document are unreadable, likely due to some issue with the scanner. Is it possible to re-scan the letter and send it back to me?

I just want to avoid any potential issues when we submit this document to the USCIS - they can be quite picky when it comes to supporting documentation.

Thanks so much and apologies for the inconvenience.

On Wed, May 23, 2018 at 2:54 PM, Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Please see attached TEA letter.

Thank you Brittany

Brittanny Miller

Agency Program Aide, Economic Analysis & Research

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 02:26:09 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Request: 670 Granite Rd., Kerhonkson, NY 12446
Attachments: Ulster Tract 9550 map.pdf Ulster Tract 9550_670 Granite Rd.pdf

For a TEA letter please.

Thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 2:15 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: TEA Request: 670 Granite Rd., Kerhonkson, NY 12446

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: TEA Request: 670 Granite Rd., Kerhonkson, NY 12446

From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:47 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: TEA Request: 670 Granite Rd., Kerhonkson, NY

Kay
TEA request for 670 Granite Road, Kerhonkson NY, 12446.- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ed K

From: margie.roberts@eb5an.com [<mailto:margie.roberts@eb5an.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: joseph.girton@eb5an.com
Subject: TEA Request: 670 Granite Rd., Kerhonkson, NY

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Greetings Mr. Kowalewski,

Attached, please find a TEA request letter for an EB-5 project in Kerhonkson, NY, for your review and consideration, per the above subject line. With appreciation, I request two actions on your behalf:

- Acknowledgement of receipt of this email request
- Digital transmission of your determination and response to this request

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Margie Roberts
EB5 Affiliate Network LLC
3801 PGA Boulevard, Suite 902
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie

Economic Development Program Administrator

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625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 9550 in Ulster County that contains the address, 670 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446, as you requested is 9.9 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 08:07:28 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: Fwd: Request for TEA Designation for 156 William Street and 233 & 241 Water Street
Attachments: New York Tract 15,01 map.pdf New York Tract 15,01_156 William St 233 & 241 Water St.pdf

For a TEA letter please and thanks,
K

----- Original message -----

From: "Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)" <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Date: 5/23/18 5:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for TEA Designation for 156 William Street and 233 & 241 Water Street

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 156 William Street and 233 & 241 Water Street

Hi Joe:

TEA request for your determination for addresses in email below.

Thanks,
K

From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@juliaparklaw.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 3:44 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Julia Yong-hee Park <jpark@juliaparklaw.com>
Subject: Request for TEA Designation for 156 William Street and 233 & 241 Water Street

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Dear Ms. Wilkie,

I am writing to request for certification that 156 William Street, New York, NY 10038 and 233 & 241 Water Street, New York, NY 10038 (233 & 241 are co-joined facilities) are both located within a Targeted Employment Area as under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

All addresses belong to the same project so please issue them in one letter if possible.

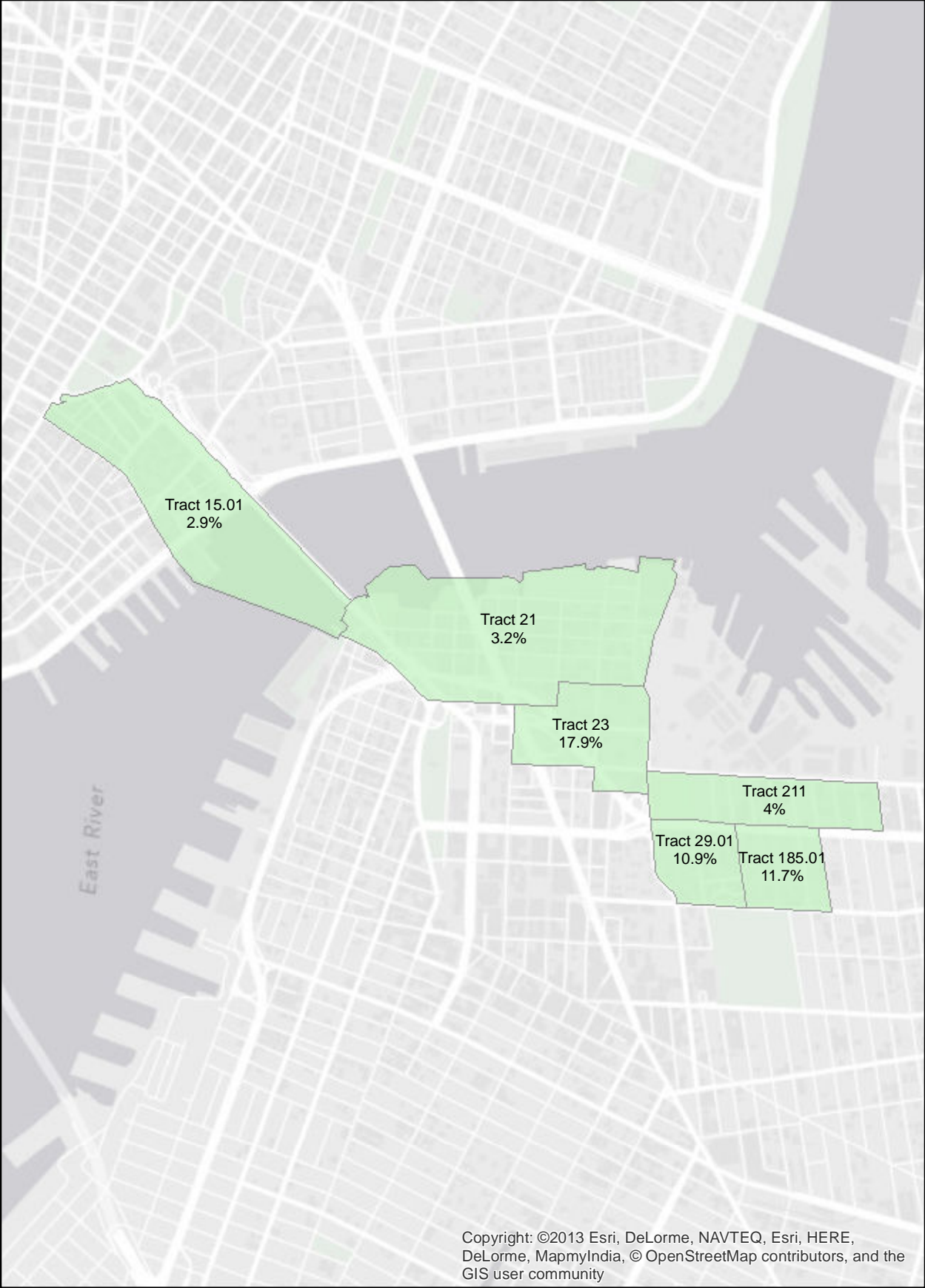
Please let me know if need more information. Thank you.

Best,

Biyun (Bonnie) Cao

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
Empire State Development | NYS Department of Economic Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 15.01 in New York County that contains the addresses, 156 William Street, New York, NY 10038 and 233 & 241 Water Street, New York, NY 10038, as you requested is 2.9 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tract 15.01 in New York County and census tracts 21, 23, 29.01, 185.01, and 211 in Kings County with an annual average unemployment rate of 7.0 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 08:07:59 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: Fwd: Request for TEA Designation for 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025
Attachments: New York Tract 201,01 map.pdf New York Tract 201,01_30 Morningside Dr.pdf

For a TEA letter please and thanks,
K

----- Original message -----

From: "Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)" <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Date: 5/23/18 5:36 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for TEA Designation for 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025

Hi Joe:

A TEA request for your review per address in subject line and below.

Thanks,
K

From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@aaeb5.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Julia Park <jpark@aaeb5.com>
Subject: Request for TEA Designation for 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025

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Dear Ms. Wilkie,

I am writing to request for certification that 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025 is located within a Targeted Employment Area as under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

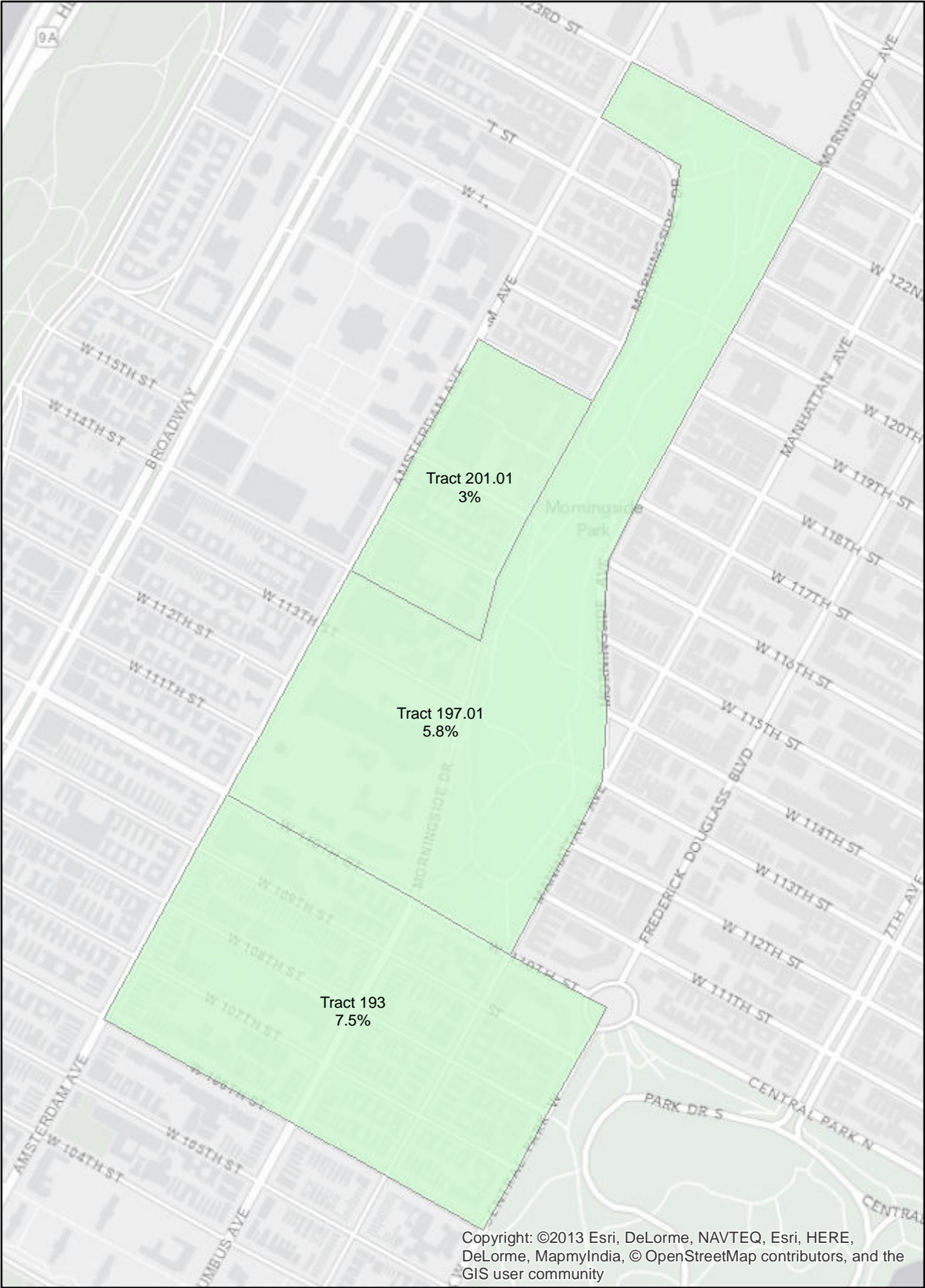
Please let me know if need more information. Thank you.

Best,

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
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625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 201.01 in New York County that contains the address, 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025, as you requested is 3.0 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 193, 197.01, and 201.01 in New York County with an annual average unemployment rate of 7.0 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

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Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 04:44:58 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: RE: Additional TEA Request - address in email below
Attachments: Queens Tract 869 map.pdf Queens Tract 869_137-61 Northern Blvd.pdf

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:45 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Additional TEA Request - address in email below

From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 9:21 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Additional TEA Request

Kay

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Ed K

From: Sami Haidar [<mailto:sami@mshahlaw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: omar <omar@mshahlaw.com>; Sun, Linda (CHAMBER) <linda.sun@exec.ny.gov>; qilili88@yahoo.com
Subject: Additional TEA Request

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Dear Ed,

Sorry to bombard you with TEA requests. We have one additional location that we need to have certified:

137-61 Northern Blvd, Flushing, New York 11354

Please feel free to email me if you have any further questions.

Best,

Sami

Sami Haidar

Paralegal

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie

Economic Development Program Administrator

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625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 869 in Queens County that contains the address, 137-61 Northern Blvd, Flushing, New York 11354, as you requested is 1.1 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 212, 216, 240, 383.01, 383.02, and 869 in Queens County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.9 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

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Sincerely,



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From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent time: 05/23/2018 04:39:42 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: RE: EB5 Targeted Employment Areas - address in email below
Attachments: Nassau BG 3009003 map.pdf Nassau BG 3009003_6 Ohio Dr.pdf

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:45 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: EB5 Targeted Employment Areas - address in email below

From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: EB5 Targeted Employment Areas

Kay

Ed K

From: Farzana Hassonjee [<mailto:farzana@fqhlaw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 12:51 PM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Farzana Hassonjee <farzana@fqhlaw.com>
Subject: EB5 Targeted Employment Areas

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Re: Information on Targeted Employment Areas within New York City

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I am an immigration attorney and am requesting, on behalf of a client, confirmation on the status of the following location as being in Targeted Employment Areas (TEAs):

1. [6 Ohio Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11042](#)

Kindly inform if this location is within the state certified Targeted Employment Areas for EB5 investment purposes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Farzana Q. Hassonjee, Esquire

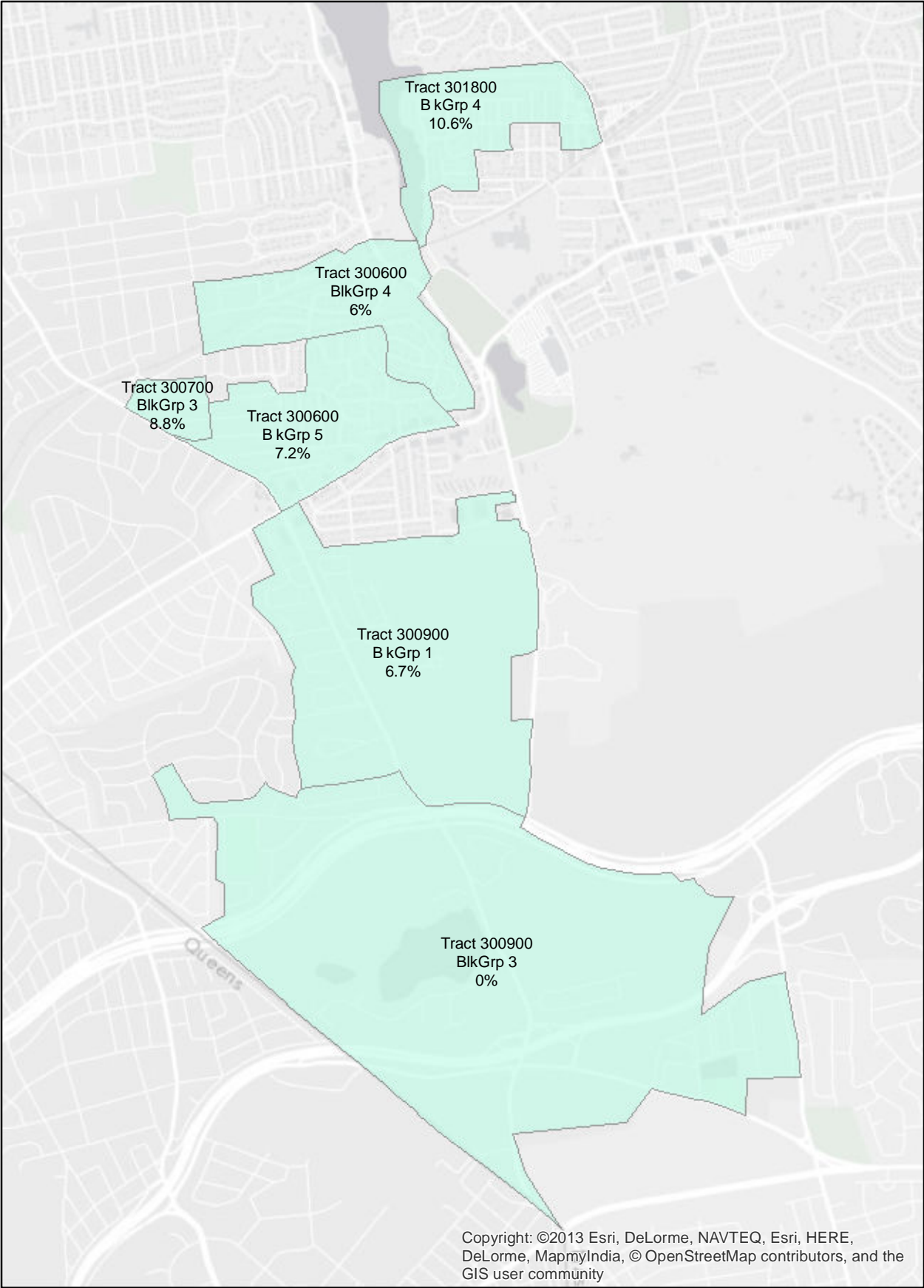
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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
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625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for block group 3 in census tract 3009 in Nassau County that contains the address, 6 Ohio Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11042, as you requested is 0.0 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of block groups 4 and 5 in census tract 3006, block group 3 in census tract 3007, block groups 1 and 3 in census tract 3009, and block group 4 in census tract 3018 in Nassau County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.8 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Nimrod Ginsburg <nginsburg@nyeb5fund.com>
Sent time: 05/23/2018 06:22:00 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: Re: FW: TEA Letter

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Thank you!

On Wed, May 23, 2018 at 3:21 PM Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Please see attached

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/25/2018 11:15:29 AM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004
Attachments: Queens Tract 1579,02 map.pdf Queens Tract 1579,02_259-15 Hillside Ave.pdf

For a TEA letter please and thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 11:10 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for TEA Designation for 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004

Hi Joe:

A TEA request for your review please, per the address in subject line.

Thanks,
K

From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@aaeb5.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Julia Park <jpark@aaeb5.com>
Subject: Request for TEA Designation for 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004

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Dear Ms. Wilkie,

I am writing to request for certification that 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004 is located within a Targeted Employment Area as under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

Please let me know if need more information. Thank you.

Best,

Biyun (Bonnie) Cao
Corporate Counsel
Advantage America EB-5 Group
575 Madison Avenue, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10022

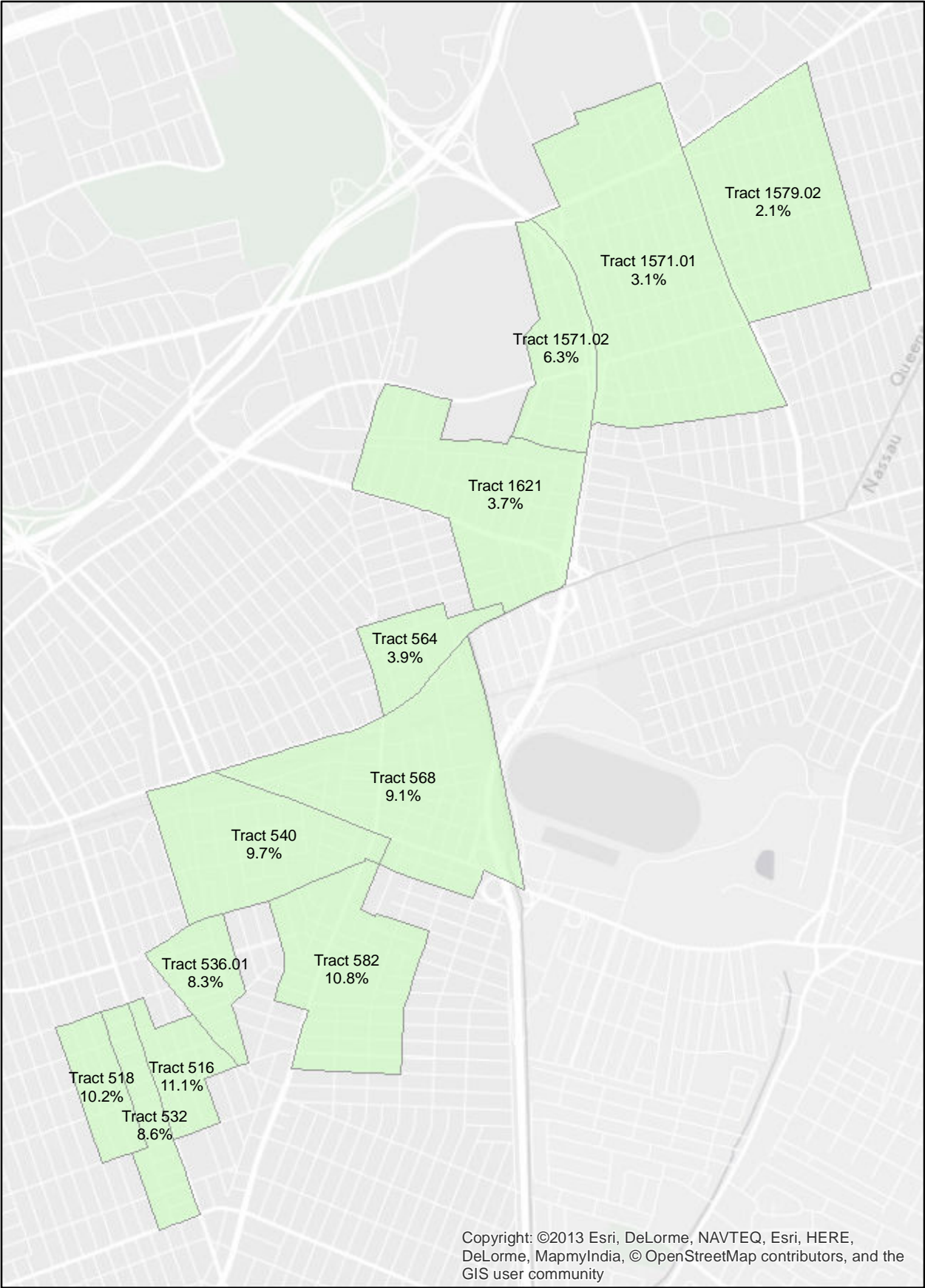
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May 25, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
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Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 1579.02 in Queens County that contains the address, 259-15 Hillside Avenue, Glen Oaks, NY 11004, as you requested is 2.1 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 516, 518, 532, 536.01, 540, 564, 568, 582, 1571.01, 1571.02, 1579.02, and 1621 in Queens County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 05/25/2018 11:36:47 AM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801
Attachments: Nassau BG 5192002 map.pdf Nassau BG 5192002_416 S Broadway.pdf

For a TEA letter please and thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for TEA Designation for 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for TEA Designation for 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801

Another TEA request for your review please, per address in subject line.

Thanks,
K

From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@aaeb5.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Request for TEA Designation for 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801

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Dear Ms. Wilkie,

I am writing to request for certification that 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 is located within a Targeted Employment Area as under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

Please let me know if need more information. Thank you.

Best,

Biyun (Bonnie) Cao
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May 25, 2018

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Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for block group 2 in census tract 5192 in Nassau County that contains the address, 416 S Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801, as you requested is 3.2 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of block group 2 in census tract 5189, block group 2 in census tract 5192, and block groups 1 and 3 in census tract 5193 in Nassau County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Xia Chen, Esq. <xchen@mtuslaw.com>
Sent time: 05/29/2018 01:18:03 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: TEA Designation

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Dear Ms. Wilkie,

An EB-5 investor wants to invest into a business located at 800 3rd Ave, Floor 29, New York, NY 10022. Would you please instruct whether the location is within a Targeted Employment Area (TEA)?

Thank you.

Best regards,

Xia (Summer) Chen, Esq.

Attorney at Law

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 06/05/2018 08:45:22 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: Fwd: TEA Letter

Hi Brittany,



K

----- Original message -----

From: Molly FitzGerald <mfitzgerald@eb5capital.com>
Date: 6/5/18 3:39 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Miller, Brittany (ESD)" <Brittany.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: "Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)" <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>, "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>, "Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)" <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>, Mariana Gomez <mgomez@eb5capital.com>
Subject: Re: TEA Letter

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Hello,

I'd like to follow up on the email I sent on May 29, 2018. Do you need anything from me to move forward with my request?

Thanks,

Molly FitzGerald

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On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 12:29 PM, Molly FitzGerald <mfitzgerald@eb5capital.com> wrote:

Hi Brittany,

Thank you so much for providing the TEA letter. I hope this is not too much trouble but I had asked for the TEA letter to be addressed to Brian Ostar, Director, Global Operations. Can you please remove me from the letter and add his name instead?

Best,

Molly FitzGerald

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On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 2:01 PM, Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Please see attached TEA Letter.

Thank you

Brittanny Miller

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From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent time: 06/08/2018 04:17:19 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA determination for AHEAD Energy, 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623
Attachments: AHEAD - TEA letter (2).pdf

Kay

TEA determination-- 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623.

Mailing address is the same Mr. James Grieve- 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623

Ed K

From: James Grieve [mailto:mjgrieve@aheadenergy.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Fwd: TEA determination for AHEAD Energy, 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623

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Hi Ed,

This is the letter we sent you a couple of months ago.

We have several international opportunities for users of the facility (China, Italy, Canada) and are making plans to restart it later this summer.

The EB5 option would be timely.

James

----- Forwarded message -----

From: James Grieve <mjgrieve@aheadenergy.org>
Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 12:53 PM
Subject: TEA determination for AHEAD Energy, 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623
To: <ekowalewski@esd.ny.gov>

Ed,

Please find attached a letter requesting TEA determination for potential EB5 investments in support of this opportunity for Rochester.

Thanks for your support in this matter.

Please email or call if you need further discussion.

Regards,

M James Grieve
Chairman - AHEAD Energy Corporation, 501(c)(3)

cell 585-749-6132



March 23, 2018

Dear Mr. Kowalewski,

I'm the Chairman of AHEAD Energy Corporation, small not-for-profit based in Rochester, NY which was founded 30 years ago at the University of Rochester to focus on energy solutions for off-grid underserved areas of the world and on practical solutions to climate change.

The world is in the middle of a major shift in a transition towards renewable power, energy storage and Distributed Generation (DG) – with the latter migrating to new synthetic/sustainable fuels (such as hydrogen and ammonia). As you are aware New York is a leader in this transition, with R&D and commercialization support for solar, wind, storage technologies (including battery and thermal storage) and DG technologies like Combined Heat and Power (CHP).

One current initiative for AHEAD has been taking ownership of and managing a remarkable clean energy commercialization facility in Rochester, NY – located at 285 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623. This on a bus route, very close to the main campus of Monroe Community College. This building is in a state of transition and AHEAD and Alfred University have recently signed an affiliation agreement with a view to making the building and its unique product development labs available to innovative companies as a Start-Up NY site.

We are pursuing both private and public funding to support this transition and would like to pursue EB5 financing both for investing in the facility (as a real estate investment) and in one or more start-up ventures to be formed there.

Would you please proceed with a determination of the site's location as a Targeted Employment Area per the requirements of the EB5 program? Note that the location is closed to and accessible to the 19th Ward and the South Wedge areas of Rochester, which are economically disadvantaged.

Thanks for your consideration.

Malcolm J Grieve, Chairman - AHEAD Energy 501(c)(3)
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cell: 585-749-6132

From: Guo, Zhihui <guozhihui@gmail.com>
Sent time: 06/08/2018 04:44:44 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Subject: Re: RE: Census Tract 121 - New York County

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Hi Kay, nice to have talked. would highly appreciate it if you can help check with your colleague and send us TEA letter re **488 Third Avenue, new york ny, 10016** in this or coming monday which is deadline to sign the lease. Landlord has been waiting for us since early april when we signed term sheet and is not willing to wait longer for lease and we cannot sign the lease without a TEA letter. It is really hard to fine a good site and get a agreeable terms so would highly appreciate it if you can help check the TEA letter timeline. Thanks again.

On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 2:13 PM, Guo, Zhihui <guozhihui@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Kay, nice to have talked. would highly appreciate it if you can help check with your colleague and send us TEA letter re 488 Third Avenue, new york ny, 10016 in this or next week. Landlord has been waiting for us since early april when we signed term sheet and is not willing to wait longer for lease and we cannot sign the lease without a TEA letter. It is really hard to fine a good site and get a agreeable terms so would highly appreciate it if you can help check the TEA letter timeline. Thanks again.

On Mon, May 7, 2018 at 10:29 AM, guozhihui <zhihui.guo@163.com> wrote:

Thanks, Kay. when can we expect the TEA letter? Landlord has been following up with us re when we can sign the lease with them. thanks.

At 2018-05-07 20:28:00, "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Your request is in the queue and we are expecting updated data this month.

From: Guo, Zhihui [mailto:guozhihui@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: Census Tract 121 - New York County

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Hi Kay,

Would appreciate it if u can advise at your earliest convenience re the TEA status of [488 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016](#), which I sent around April 12. We r waiting for the TEA confirmation to move forward with landlord. Thanks.

On Thu, Apr 12, 2018, 11:42 PM Guo, Zhihui <guozhihui@gmail.com> wrote:

Many thanks Kay. Look forward to hear about good news for [488 third avenue](#) too. It is Right cross st so i guess

probably should be TEA as well. But will wait for ur final call. Thanks again.

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018, 3:15 PM Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Hi Julie:

You already received the response to your request on 3/23 – reattached FYI.

All new requests are being placed in our queue for 2017 data, which should be available in the near future.

Best,

K

From: Guo, Zhihui [mailto:guozhihui@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 12:40 PM

To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>

Subject: Re: Census Tract 121 - New York County

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Hi Kay,

any update re

[495 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016](#) TEA status?

also can you help check the site TEA status of [488 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016](#)?

we are talking about lease terms with both sites re opening a business there but cannot move forward before your TEA result as it is EB-5 investment. Would appreciate it if you can let us know the TEA status of both sites at your earliest convenience so we can open the business soon and create jobs.

Hi Ed,

I am traveling to China for some speech this thursday. would like to know anything i can help promote investment and economy development in new york. be happy to stop by your office tmrw afternoon if you are free. thanks.

On Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM, Guo, Zhihui <guozhihui@gmail.com> wrote:

thanks, kay. we are in discussion with landlords re lease for opening a restaurant there. but cannot move forward until you confirm it is a TEA area. pls check the [495 third avenue](#) location first. would be great if you can get me result asap so we can move forward with landlords re lease. thanks again.

On Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 8:16 AM, Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Good morning Julie:

We cannot do a "quick check" on TEA locations, but rather have to do a full processing.

So, do you actually plan to conduct a project at either or both of these addresses?

Thanks,

K

From: Guo, Zhihui [mailto:guozhihui@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 6:01 PM

To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>

Cc: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>

Subject: Re: Census Tract 121 - New York County

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Ed and Kay

Would appreciate it if you can have a quick check whether the two locations are TEA under EB-5 below and give us some initial thoughts. We are discussing potential lease with the landlord and cannot move forward without knowing whether it is TEA or not. Thanks.

[233 E 34th St, New York, NY 10016](#)

495 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016

Best,

Julie

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 11:41 PM, Guo, Zhihui <guozhihui@gmail.com> wrote:

received and thanks.

On Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 9:03 AM, Smith, Wendy (ESD) <Wendy.Smith@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

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To: "guozhizhi@gmail.com" <guozhizhi@gmail.com>

Cc: "Wilkie, Kay (ESD)" <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>, "Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)" <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>, "Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)" <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2018 13:56:32 +0000

Subject: TEA Letter

Please see attached TEA Letter.

Thank you Brittanny

Brittanny Miller

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 06/11/2018 11:30:25 AM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Letter
Attachments: New York Tract 197,01 map.pdf New York Tract 197,01_30 Morningside Dr.pdf

Hi Brittany:

For a newly revised TEA letter please and thanks,
K

From: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: RE: TEA Letter

Kay,

[REDACTED]

Joseph Bifaro Jr.
Senior Statistician
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From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@aaeb5.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 11:06 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Julia Park <jpark@aaeb5.com>
Subject: Re: TEA Letter

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Hi Ms. Wilkie,

The property is located on Morningside Drive between West 113th Street and West 114th Street. Does that help?

I also have a concern: investors have been filing their petitions to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with the TEA certification letters that state that the property is located in census tract 197.01. *If that turned out to be incorrect, which would very likely negatively impact their immigration petitions, can we get amended certification with past data (2016 and 2015 data, respectively) that the property was located in a TEA at the time of investors' filing?*

This is significant because the immigration law requires that the property to be located in a targeted employment area at the time of filing of the I-526 petition or investment, whichever is later. These investors filed after they had completed the investment. Therefore, they need to prove that the property was located in a TEA when they filed their petition which happened in 2016-2017.

I have attached the TEA certification letters existing investors have included in their immigration petition for your reference.

Thank you.

Best,

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From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 9:35:52 AM
To: Bonnie Cao; Miller, Brittanny (ESD)
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD); Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR); Julia Park
Subject: RE: TEA Letter

Hi Bonnie:

Apparently Fact Finder is ambiguous on the location of this address:

Select Geographies

Enter a street address, city and state, or a street address and ZIP code. Click "Go".

Note: address select will use the latest available address data beginning with 2012 and working backwards, based on the contents of TIGER.

street address: 30 Morningside Drive city: New York state: New York zip: 10022

Geographies Containing 30 Morningside Dr., NEW YORK, NY, 10022:
Select geographies to add to Your Selections:

Geography Name	Geography Type	Geography Code	About
Northeast Region	Region	000	
Middle Atlantic Division	Division	050	
New York	State	040	
New York County, New York	County	060	
Manhattan Borough, New York County, New York	County Subdivision	060	
Block Group 1, Census Tract 157.01, New York County, New York	Block	100	
Census Tract 201.01, New York County, New York	Census Tract	140	
Block Group 1, Census Tract 201.01, New York County, New York	Block Group within Census Tract	150	

Could you please provide additional detail as to the exact location of this property? Perhaps geocodes and/or cross streets?

Thanks,
K

From: Bonnie Cao [<mailto:bcao@aaeb5.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Miller, Brittanny (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>

Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>; Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Julia Park <jpark@aaeb5.com>

Subject: Re: TEA Letter

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Dear Ms. Miller,

Thanks for the TEA Letter.

A quick question in regards to the census tract the subject property is located in. On our previous TEA letters, 30 Morningside Drive is said to be located in census tract **197.01**. In this most current letter, it is said to be located in census tract **201.01**.

For your reference, I have attached a previous TEA letter dated June 15, 2017 as well as the one you sent a few weeks ago.

Could you confirm whether both letters were correct?

Thank you.

Best,

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From: Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 2:07:07 PM
To: Bonnie Cao
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD); Wilkie, Kay (ESD); Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Subject: TEA Letter

Please see attached TEA Letter.

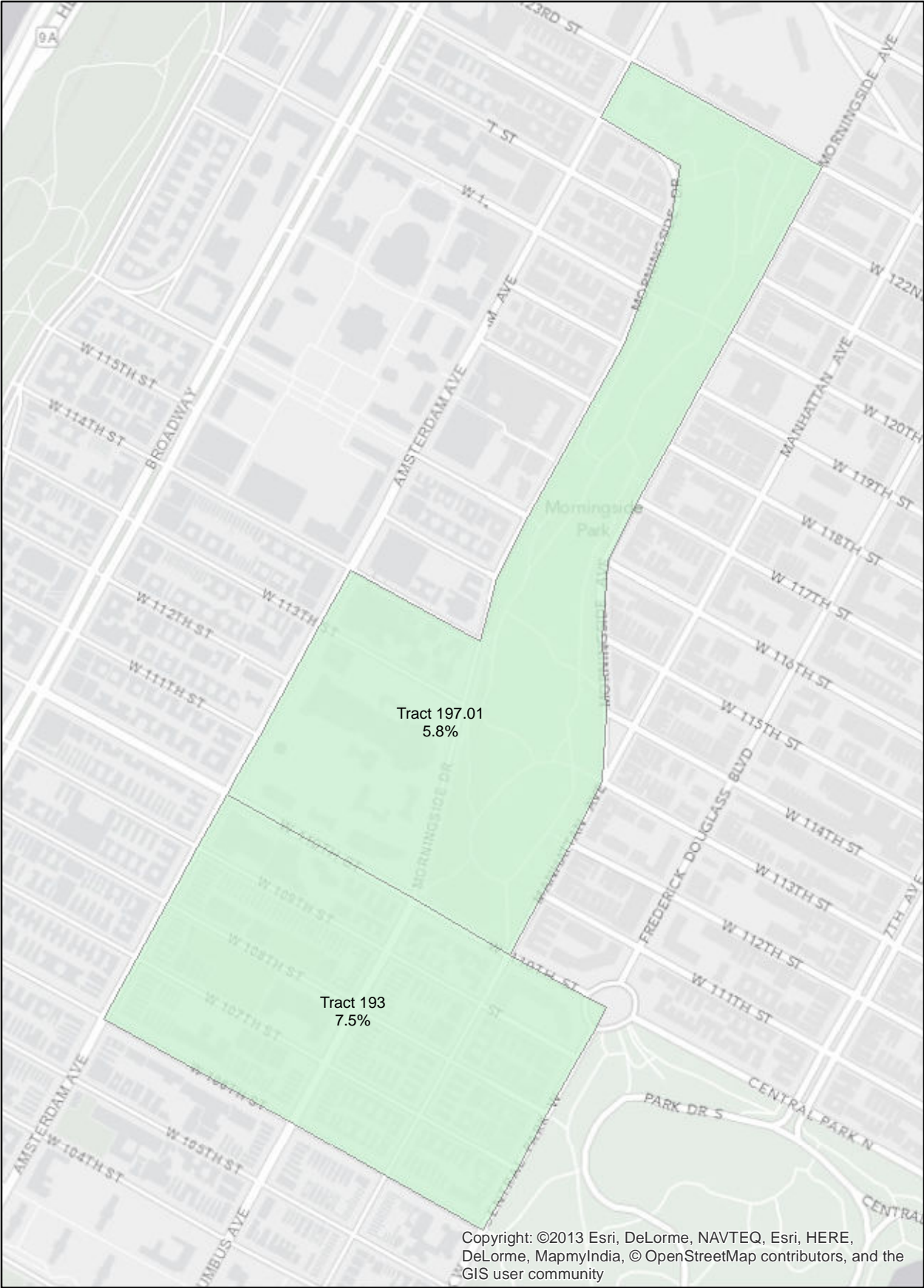
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June 11, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
Empire State Development | NYS Department of Economic Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 197.01 in New York County that contains the address, 30 Morningside Drive, New York, NY 10025, as you requested is 5.8 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 193 and 197.01 in New York County with an annual average unemployment rate of 7.4 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.

From: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Sent time: 06/14/2018 08:39:08 AM
To: Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Cc: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Letters
Attachments: TEA Letter 137-61 Northern Blvd.pdf

Good morning:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks,
K

From: Sami Haidar [mailto:sami@mshahlaw.com]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:56 PM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD) <Kay.Wilkie@esd.ny.gov>; Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR) <Joseph.Bifaro@labor.ny.gov>; Kowalewski, Edward (ESD) <Edward.Kowalewski@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Re: TEA Letters

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Dear Brittany,

Sorry to add additional work, but the house number/street address for this location has changed. It is now: 35-32 Leavitt Street, Flushing, NY 11354. The physical location is exactly the same, the only thing that has changed is the street number.

Thank you,

Sami Haidar

Sami Haidar

Paralegal

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From: Miller, Brittany (ESD) <Brittanny.Miller@esd.ny.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 2:05 PM
To: Sami Haidar
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD); Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR); Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Subject: TEA Letters

Please see attached TEA Letters.

Thank you

Brittanny Miller

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May 24, 2018

Sami Haidar
Mona Shah & Associates Global
232 Madison Ave, Suite 10001
New York, NY 10016

Dear Mr. Haidar:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Joseph Bifaro, of the New York State Department of Labor, identifying an area including census tract 869 in Queens County. Based on 2017 annual average labor force data, the Department of Labor has determined that this area meets the minimum threshold of unemployment to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area.

Based on the Labor Department's determination, I am able to certify that the area described in the attached letter qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area.

Census tract 869, in Queens County, contains the address 137-61 Northern Blvd, Flushing, New York 11354.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Wilkie", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator

cc: Joseph Bifaro, DOL

TEA Letter 137-61 Northern Blvd.pdf

Joseph Bifaro Jr.
Senior Statistician

Department of Labor

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May 23, 2018

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
Empire State Development | NYS Department of Economic Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2017 average unemployment rate for census tract 869 in Queens County that contains the address, 137-61 Northern Blvd, Flushing, New York 11354, as you requested is 1.1 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 6.6 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 212, 216, 240, 383.01, 383.02, and 869 in Queens County with an annual average unemployment rate of 6.9 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2017 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-17-18.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



Department
of Labor

From: Bill Gresser <bgresser@eb5nys.com>
Sent time: 06/14/2018 04:12:12 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD); Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR); Smith, Wendy (ESD) <Wendy.Smith@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: Updated TEA Letter EB-5 New York State, LLC. Oishei Children's Hospital, 818 Ellicott St, Buffalo, NY 14203
Attachments: Updated TEA Designation 2017.06.15.pdf

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Kay -

I hope you are doing well. Could ESD please issue an updated TEA designation letter for our EB-5 Investment project for the John Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY. Attached is the most recent letter issued by ESD.

Thank you in advance. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best -

Bill

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June 15, 2017

Mr. Bill Gresser
President
EB-5 New York State, LLC
120 W. Tupper Street
Buffalo, New York 14201

Dear Mr. Gresser:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Joseph Bifaro, of the New York State Department of Labor, identifying an area including census tract 31 in Erie County. Based on 2016 annual average labor force data, the Department of Labor has determined that this area meets the minimum threshold of unemployment to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area.

Based on the Labor Department's determination, I am able to certify that the area described in the attached letter qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area.

Census tract 31, in Erie County, contains the block which is bordered by: Main Street, Goodrich Street, Ellicott Street and High Street in Buffalo, New York 14203.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Wilkie", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Kay Allison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator

cc: Joseph Bifaro, DOL

Joseph Bifaro Jr.
Senior Statistician

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June 8, 2017

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
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625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

The 2016 average unemployment rate for census tract 31 in Erie County, as you requested is 10.6 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 7.4 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2016 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-13-17.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Larson, Victoria (ESD)
Sent time: 06/21/2018 09:28:05 AM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: FW: TEA Letter Z-Hotel 1101-43rd Avenue, NY, NY 11101

Thanks, Kay!

From: Richard Cohn [mailto:rcohn@merchantshospitality.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Larson, Victoria (ESD) <Victoria.Larson@esd.ny.gov>
Subject: TEA Letter Z-Hotel 1101-43rd Avenue, NY, NY 11101
Importance: High

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Good morning Ms. Larson,

I understand from Ms. Wilkie that you are now the signatory on the ESD TEA letters. Merchants Hospitality is under contract to purchase the Z-Hotel located at 11-01 43rd Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101 and is in need of a Targeted Employment Area certification letter in order to accept an EB-5 investment into the project.

Could you kindly provide the TEA letter addressed to 1101-43 Rest Sub LLC, c/o Merchants Hospitality Inc., One World Trade Center, STE 47A, NY, NY 10007, Att: Richard Cohn.

Anything that can be done to expedite this would be GREATLY appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best,
Richard Cohn
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From: Molly FitzGerald <mfitzgerald@eb5capital.com>
Sent time: 06/21/2018 01:00:13 PM
To: Minnick, Katie (ESD)
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD); Larson, Victoria (ESD)
Subject: Re: NOTICE: Change of contact for NYS TEA Certification Requests

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Great. Thank you for letting me know.

Best,

Molly FitzGerald

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On Thu, Jun 21, 2018 at 12:50 PM, Minnick, Katie (ESD) <Katie.Minnick@esd.ny.gov> wrote:

Hello all Requestors of TEA Certification letters from NYS:

As I pursue other responsibilities, please be advised that starting on Monday, June 25, your email requests for TEA certification letters from the New York State Department of Economic Development should be directed to the new DED signatory for such certifications:

Victoria.Larson@esd.ny.gov

Victoria Larson

Manager, Information Services

Empire State Development

NYS Department of Economic Development

625 Broadway, Albany NY 12245

As always, your TEA requests should include, in the body of the email, the specific project address and/or location description (geocodes, cross streets, etc.), and the addressee for the eventual letter.

Ed Kowalewski, the Director of International Investment Programs, will continue to be your primary contact for project inquiries.

Please also be advised that the administrative assistant who will be emailing you letters after 6/26 will change to Katie Minnick.

Best regards,

Kay Alison Wilkie

Economic Development Program Administrator

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From: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Sent time: 06/26/2018 09:46:49 AM
To: Larson, Victoria (ESD)
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: Fw: Request for TEA designation letter for 109 Lenox Avenue New York NY 10026
Attachments: Untitled.pdf

Tori

I received this TEA request this morning- 109 Lenox Avenue, New York NY 10026. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

regards

Ed Kowalewski

Director, International Investment Programs &
Private Sector Liaison to the World Bank Group

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From: Soo Jee Lee <soojeelee@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 8:59
To: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD)
Subject: Request for TEA designation letter for 109 Lenox Avenue New York NY 10026

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June 26, 2018

Ed Kowalewski
Director of Industry Development
Strategic Business Development
Empire State Development
95 Perry Street Suite 500
Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: Request for Targeted Employment Area (TEA) designation letter for EB-5 Investment Project
PROJECT LOCATION: 109 LENOX AVENUE, NEW YORK NY 10026

Dear Mr. Kowalewski:

On behalf of Ingrained Hospitality LLC and its EB-5 investor, this is to request
a TEA determination letter for the EB-5 investment

PROJECT LOCATION: 109 Lenox Avenue, New York NY 10026.

THE REQUESTOR AND THE REQUESTOR'S MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE TEA DESIGNATION LETTER:

Joseph Johnson
Member
Ingrained Hospitality Holdings LLC
173 W. 107th St. Suite 3B
New York NY 10025

PLEASE ALSO EMAIL A COURTESY COPY TO THE ATTORNEY at soojeelee@aol.com

Thank you kindly for your time and attention to our request for the ESD Corp's determination.
Please contact me by email or by telephone at (212) 799-1809 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,
Soo Jee Lee
Immigration Attorney
on behalf of EB-5 investor
of Ingrained Hospitality Holdings LLC

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June 26, 2018

Ed Kowalewski
Director of Industry Development
Strategic Business Development
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95 Perry Street Suite 500
Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: Request for Targeted Employment Area (TEA) designation letter for EB-5 Investment Project
PROJECT LOCATION: 109 LENOX AVENUE, NEW YORK NY 10026

Dear Mr. Kowalewski:

On behalf of Ingrained Hospitality LLC and its EB-5 investor, this is to request
a TEA determination letter for the EB-5 investment

PROJECT LOCATION: 109 Lenox Avenue, New York NY 10026.

THE REQUESTOR AND THE REQUESTOR'S MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE TEA DESIGNATION
LETTER:

Joseph Johnson
Member
Ingrained Hospitality Holdings LLC
173 W. 107th St. Suite 3B
New York NY 10025

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Thank you kindly for your time and attention to our request for the ESD Corp's determination.
Please contact me by email or by telephone at (212) 799-1809 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Soo Jee Lee
Immigration Attorney
on behalf of EB-5 investor
of Ingrained Hospitality Holdings LLC

From: Terri Goforth <Terri.Goforth@bakertilly.com>
Sent time: 07/17/2018 04:22:04 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: Contact Person for EB-5 Targeted Employment Area Designation Letters

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Hi,

I am looking for the correct contact person to help us obtain an updated Targeted Employment Area Designation Letter for a project related to the EB-5 program. Are you still the contact for this program?

Many thanks,

Terri Goforth, Senior Consultant
Baker Tilly Capital, LLC
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Sherman Oaks, CA 90432
tel 646-776-6144
terri.goforth@bakertilly.com; connect with us: www.bakertillycapital.com

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From: Joseph Girton <joseph.girton@eb5an.com>
Sent time: 09/05/2018 06:12:37 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Cc: Sam Silverman <sam.silverman@eb5an.com>
Subject: Updated TEA letter for EB-5 project
Attachments: Appendix A2 TEA Letter 2017.10.27[2].pdf

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Kay –

I am working with an EB-5 project in Queens that has received Targeted Employment designation letters from your office in the past. We would like to request an updated 2018 version using the latest data. The project's TEA Letter from your office issued last year (October 27, 2017) is attached. The project address and letter addressee are the same as last year's letter. Please let me know if you need anything else from us and please email me a copy of the letter when it is issued.

Thanks,

Joe Girton
Senior Associate

[Schedule time to talk](#)

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**New York State
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of Economic
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October 27, 2017

Mr. Sherman Shi, Esq.
Kevin Kerveng Tung P.C.
136-20 38th Avenue, Suite 3D
Flushing, New York 11354

Dear Mr. Shi:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Joseph Bifaro, of the New York State Department of Labor, identifying an area including census tract 19 in Queens County. Based on 2016 annual average labor force data, the Department of Labor has determined that this area meets the minimum threshold of unemployment to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area.

Based on the Labor Department's determination, I am able to certify that the area described in the attached letter qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area.

Census tract 19, in Queens County, contains the address, 27-17 42nd Road, Long Island City, New York 11101.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Wilkie", written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator

cc: Joseph Bifaro, DOL

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Joseph Bifaro Jr.
Senior Statistician

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October 27, 2017

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
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625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

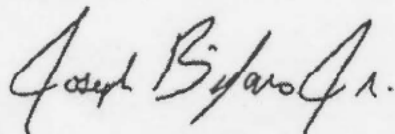
The 2016 average unemployment rate for census tract 19 in Queens County that contains the address, 27-17 42nd Road, Long Island City, NY 11101, as you requested is 3.6 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 7.4 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 19, 25, 43, and 85 in Queens County with an annual average unemployment rate of 8.0 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2016 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-13-17.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.

From: Christian Triantaphyllis <ctriantaphyllis@FosterGlobal.com>
Sent time: 09/27/2018 10:17:42 AM
To: Miller, Brittany (ESD)
Cc: Kowalewski, Edward (ESD); Wilkie, Kay (ESD); Bifaro, Joseph (LABOR)
Subject: TEA Letter 101 West 28th Street, New York, New York 10001
Attachments: untitled.pdf

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Ms. Miller:

I am an immigration attorney in Houston, TX and I write on behalf of my client, Lexin New York Regional Center, to request an updated Targeted Employment Area letter for a project located in New York City. Attached is the TEA letter we received from you last year.

The location is as follows: **101 West 28th Street, New York, NY, 10001**

If there is any way to expedite this request, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Christian Triantaphyllis
Attorney | EB-5 Section Lead
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Houston, Texas 77046
832.426.0331 office
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November 20, 2017

Mr. Christian Triantaphyllis
Foster Global
600 Travis Street, Suite 2000
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Triantaphyllis:

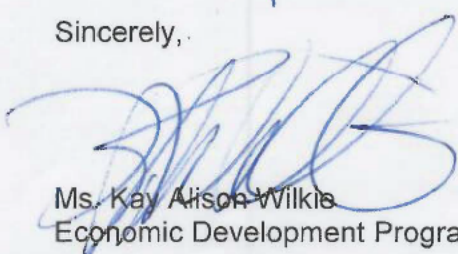
Attached is a letter from Mr. Joseph Bifaro, of the New York State Department of Labor, identifying an area including census tract 95 in New York County. Based on 2016 annual average labor force data, the Department of Labor has determined that this area meets the minimum threshold of unemployment to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area.

Based on the Labor Department's determination, I am able to certify that the area described in the attached letter qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area.

Census tract 95, in New York County, contains the address, 101 West 28th Street, New York, New York 10001.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ms. Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator

cc: Joseph Bifaro, DOL

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Joseph Bifaro Jr.

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November 17, 2017

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Economic Development Program Administrator

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Dear Ms. Wilkie:

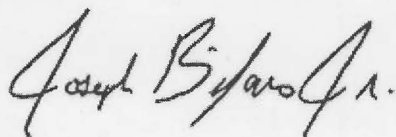
The 2016 average unemployment rate for census tract 95 in New York County that contains the address, 101 West 28th Street, New York, NY, 10001, as you requested is 5.1 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 7.4 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 95, 96, 101, 102, 109, 112.02, 113, 143, and 189 in New York County with an annual average unemployment rate of 7.8 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2016 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-13-17.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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From: Brian Strout [REDACTED]
Sent time: 10/12/2018 05:09:44 PM
To: Wilkie, Kay (ESD)
Subject: EB-5 Determination

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Kay:

I would like to request a determination of if the census track 36061000500 qualifies for the EB-5 program.

Thank you,
Brian Strout

From: Sherman Shi <sshi@kktlawfirm.com>
Sent time: 11/06/2018 03:40:50 PM
To: Larson, Victoria (ESD)
Cc: Wilkie, Kay (ESD); Minnick, Katie (ESD); Shengming Shi <sshi@kktlawfirm.com>
Subject: Request to update TEA Letter for 377 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203
Attachments: TEA letter - 2017.11.20.pdf

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Dear Ms. Larson,

Please kindly help update the TEA Letter regarding a EB-5 hotel project located at **377 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.**

I attach a previous TEA letter for same address dated November 20, 2017 for your reference.

Thank you so much for your assistance.

Best Regards

Sherman

Shengming (Sherman) Shi, Esq.
KEVIN KERVENG TUNG, P.C.
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New York State
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November 20, 2017

Mr. Sherman Shi, Esq.
Kevin Kerveng Tung P.C.
136-20 38th Avenue, Suite 3D
Flushing, New York 11354

Dear Mr. Shi:

Attached is a letter from Mr. Joseph Bifaro, of the New York State Department of Labor, identifying an area including census tract 165 in Erie County. Based on 2016 annual average labor force data, the Department of Labor has determined that this area meets the minimum threshold of unemployment to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area.

Based on the Labor Department's determination, I am able to certify that the area described in the attached letter qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area.

Census tract 165, in Erie County, contains the address, 377 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kay Wilkie", written over a blue circular stamp.

Ms. Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator

cc: Joseph Bifaro, DOL

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Joseph Bifaro Jr.
Senior Statistician

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November 17, 2017

Kay Alison Wilkie
Economic Development Program Administrator
Empire State Development | NYS Department of Economic Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Dear Ms. Wilkie:

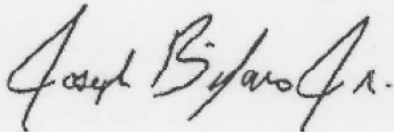
The 2016 average unemployment rate for census tract 165 in Erie County that contains the address, 377 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, as you requested is 1.5 percent. The current minimum threshold to qualify as a Targeted Employment Area is 7.4 percent.

For your consideration, we developed an alternative area composed of census tracts 71.02 and 165 in Erie County with an annual average unemployment rate of 8.5 percent.

2010 census tract boundaries, 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimate labor force data, and 2016 annual average Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) data were used in this estimate. These data were ACS-shared as described by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-13-17.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joseph Bifaro Jr.



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of Labor